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Wellington Waterfront Development Plan
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Re: Draft WCC Wellington Waterfront Development Plan 2015-2018

This submission is from the Architectural Centre, an incorporated society dating from 1946, which represents both professionals and non-professionals interested in the promotion of good design.

The Architectural Centre largely supports the Draft Wellington Waterfront Development Plan.

The Promenade

1. We support the ongoing development of the promenade, and consider this to be an important part of the waterfront.
2. We support both pedestrians and cyclists having comprehensive access to the waterfront, but think better design is needed to ensure that cyclists and fast walkers can safely overtake slower meanders, but rather than dividing the promenade into a paint-separated walking and cycling lane, it may be as effective to use level, or material, changes to encourage more compact groups of slow walkers, and to create better awareness of others.
3. We strongly support better connections between the current walkfront and CentrePort.

Seawall and Wharf Maintenance

4. The progressive repair of the seawall and wharf, and taking advantage of redevelopment opportunities to do this seems very sensible, and we support this.

Taranaki Street Wharf Precinct

5. The addition of a public toilet and change facility on Taranaki Wharf to support the jump platform is a good idea, and we support this. Should this be another design competition?

Frank Kitts Park Precinct

6. As it has been a long time since the 2007 council approval of the Garden of Beneficence we encourage the council to publish the designs on the WCC website, and to also seek public feedback prior to finalising the Resource Consent design. We also ask that the council ensure independent commissioners conduct the Resource Consent hearing, or opt for direct referral to the Environment Court (as you are doing for Site 10), to eliminate any potential for conflicts of interest for the final approval of this WCC project.

Kumutoto Precinct

7. As previously stated in our submission on Site 10, we support development on the site, but do not support the current proposal. We support future public consultation on any proposals for Site 9.

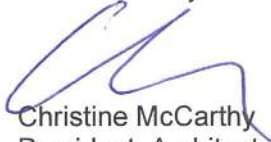


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The Architectural Centre considers the waterfront to be an important part of our city. We cherish its current ambitions to be a vibrant, and creative space. We consider all developments on the waterfront need to be comprehensively envisaged as public architecture, both in terms of generous provision of public and publicly accessible space, and making a strong and positive contribution to the heritage and identity of our built environment.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Draft Wellington Waterfront Development Plan. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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